

HOUSE . . . . No. 1763

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, February 20, 1947.

The committee on Election Laws, to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 800) of Ernest A. Johnson for legislation to require the acceptance of nomination by candidates for elective office nominated by conventions, report the accompanying bill (House, No. 1763).

For the committee,

JACOB HAKALA.

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-Seven.

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AN ACT REQUIRING THE ACCEPTANCE OF HIS NOMINATION  
BY ANY CANDIDATE FOR AN ELECTIVE OFFICE NOMI-  
NATED BY CAUCUS OR CONVENTION.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives  
in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the  
same, as follows:*

1 Section 5 of chapter 53 of the General Laws, as  
2 appearing in the Tercentenary Edition, is hereby  
3 amended by adding at the end thereof the following  
4 paragraph: — No certificate of nomination shall be  
5 received or be valid unless the written acceptance of  
6 the candidate or candidates thereby nominated shall  
7 be filed therewith, — so that said section will read as  
8 follows: — *Section 5.* Every certificate of nomina-  
9 tion shall state such facts as are required by section  
10 eight and shall be signed and sworn to by the pre-  
11 siding officer and by the secretary of the caucus or  
12 convention, who shall add to their signatures their  
13 residence. The secretary shall within the seventy-two  
14 hours succeeding five o'clock in the afternoon of the  
15 day upon which the caucus was held or the session of  
16 the convention terminated, and within the time  
17 specified in section ten, file such certificate at the  
18 place specified in section nine.

19 No certificate of nomination shall be received or be  
20 valid unless the written acceptance of the candidate  
21 or candidates thereby nominated shall be filed there-  
22 with.